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INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS/Final Passage

SUBJECT: Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1996 . . . H.R. 1977.
Final passage, as amended.

ACTION: BILL PASSED, 92-6

SYNOPSIS: As amended and passed, H.R. 1977, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1996, will provide \$12.053 billion in new budget authority, which is \$69 million more than the House-passed bill provided, \$1.76 billion less than the Administration requested, and 11 percent less than the fiscal year (FY) 1995 level. Details are provided below.

- Department of the Interior: \$5.948 billion, including: \$1.048 billion for the Bureau of Land Management, \$1.460 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (the non-trust fund related accounts that the Senate bill originally would have transferred to the Departmental Offices account were put back under the Bureau of Indian Affairs in an amendment that was agreed to by voice vote), \$1.300 billion for the National Park Service, and \$128 million for the Bureau of Mines;

- Forest Service, \$2.18 billion;
- Fossil Energy Research and Development, \$376.2 million;
- Indian Health Service, \$1.966 billion;
- National Endowment for the Arts, \$110 million; and
- National Endowment for the Humanities, \$110 million.

Miscellaneous:

- the FY 1994 moratorium on offshore oil and gas leasing on most areas of the Outer Continental Shelf will be extended (a \$200 million settlement for the ban on drilling on leases off southwest Florida and the North Aleutian Basin was recently announced);
- new listings under the Endangered Species Act will be prohibited until the earlier of September 30, 1996, or the date the Act is reauthorized;
- penalties will be increased for "tree spiking" (driving metal or ceramic spikes into timber; environmentalists spike trees so that

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Abraham	Hatfield	Akaka	Hollings	Helms	Heflin	Mack- ²	Bradley- ⁴
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Bennett	Inhofe	Biden	Johnston		Simon		
Bond	Jeffords	Bingaman	Kennedy		Wellstone		
Brown	Kassebaum	Boxer	Kerrey				
Burns	Kempthorne	Breaux	Kerry				
Campbell	Kyl	Bryan	Kohl				
Chafee	Lott	Bumpers	Lautenberg				
Coats	Lugar	Byrd	Leahy				
Cochran	McConnell	Conrad	Levin				
Cohen	Murkowski	Daschle	Lieberman				
Coverdell	Nickles	Dodd	Mikulski				
Craig	Packwood	Dorgan	Moynihan				
D'Amato	Pressler	Exon	Murray				
DeWine	Roth	Feingold	Nunn				
Dole	Santorum	Feinstein	Pell				
Domenici	Shelby	Ford	Pryor				
Faircloth	Simpson	Glenn	Reid				
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EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
2—Necessarily Absent
3—Illness
4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
AN—Announced Nay
PY—Paired Yea
PN—Paired Nay

sawyers' chainsaws or mills' bandsaws will hit them and break apart, injuring or killing the sawyers and millworkers);

- mining patent law will be reformed to require the payment of fair market value for patented land and to force the Secretary of Interior to speed the processing of patent applications (see vote Nos. 372-373);

- the moratorium on the implementation of rangeland grazing regulations developed by the Clinton Administration will be extended until November 21, 1995;

- no funds from this Act will be used to promote, disseminate, sponsor, or produce materials or performances which denigrate the objects or beliefs of the adherents of a particular religion;

- no funds made available to the National Endowment for the Arts will be used to promote, disseminate, sponsor, or produce materials or performances that depict or describe, in a patently offensive way, sexual or excretory activities or organs;

- Americorp funding will not be provided under this Act if it is not provided under the VA-HUD appropriations bill; and

- Federal land agencies will be required to prioritize and submit to Congress their planned land acquisitions.

Those favoring final passage contended:

This bill cuts spending \$1.5 billion in nominal terms below last year's spending level. The task this year was not to decide how much to increase spending in each area, or how much to cut in one area to allow an increase in another. The task, instead, was to decide how much to cut in each area. Only a very few select accounts saw modest increases. Key provisions include a continuation of the moratorium on offshore oil and gas leasing on most areas of the Outer Continental Shelf, an extension of the moratorium on the Administration's new fees and restrictions on grazing on Federal lands, and a reform of mining patent laws. Overall, this bill will responsibly do its part to balance the budget. We are pleased to vote in favor of final passage.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to final passage.